

TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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DIGEST

Temporarily amends 312 IAC 9 to establish a season in February 2010 for taking Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) in 30 Indiana counties and to establish a season in spring 2010 for taking lesser snow geese and Ross's geese in support of a federal effort to control the numbers of these geese. Effective February 1, 2010.

SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to 312 IAC 9-4.

(b) An individual may take a Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) under this SECTION of this document from February 1 through February 15, 2010.

(c) An individual must obtain a free permit from the department to take a Canada goose under this SECTION.

(d) In order to take a Canada goose under this SECTION, an individual must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(1) Possess one of the following valid Indiana hunting licenses:

- (A) resident yearly hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(2);**
- (B) resident yearly hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(3);**
- (C) nonresident yearly hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(6);**
- (D) nonresident five-day hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(10);**
- (E) nonresident youth yearly hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(25);**
- (F) resident youth consolidated hunting and trapping license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24) or IC 14-22-11-10(b);**
- (G) disabled American veteran's hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1.5;**
- (H) an apprentice hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1.7;**
- (I) lifetime basic hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(2),**
- (J) lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);**
- (K) lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5);**

or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in IC 14-22-11-1.

(2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under IC 14-22-7-4.

(3) Possess a valid Harvest Information Program registration number issued under 312 IAC 9-4-2.

(4) Possess a valid and signed federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp under 16 USC 718a.

(d) An individual must comply with all requirements for hunting waterfowl in 50 CFR 20, IC 14-22-6, and 312 IAC 9.

(e) An individual may take a Canada goose in the following counties only:

- (1) Adams**
- (2) Allen**
- (3) Boone**
- (4) Clay**

- (5) DeKalb
- (6) Elkhart
- (7) Greene
- (8) Hamilton
- (9) Hancock
- (10) Hendricks
- (11) Huntington
- (12) Johnson
- (13) Kosciusko
- (14) Lagrange
- (15) LaPorte
- (16) Madison
- (17) Marion
- (18) Marshall
- (19) Morgan
- (20) Noble
- (21) Parke
- (22) Shelby
- (23) Starke
- (24) Steuben
- (25) St. Joseph
- (26) Sullivan
- (27) Vermillion
- (28) Vigo
- (29) Wells
- (30) Whitley

(f) An individual may take no more than five (5) Canada geese per day. The possession limit is ten (10) Canada geese.

(g) An individual who takes a Canada goose under this SECTION must cause delivery of the goose to an official goose checking station within forty-eight (48) hours of taking the goose or by 3:00 pm local time on February 15, 2010, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this document expires February 16, 2010.

SECTION 3. (a) This SECTION of this document is supplemental to 312 IAC 9-4.

(b) An individual may take a lesser snow goose (*Anser caerulescens*) or a Ross's goose (*Anser rossii*) under this SECTION of this document from February 16, 2010 through March 31, 2010.

(c) In order to hunt a lesser snow goose or a Ross's goose under this SECTION, an individual must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Possess one of the following valid Indiana hunting licenses:
 - (A) resident yearly hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(2);
 - (B) resident yearly hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(3);
 - (C) nonresident yearly hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(6);
 - (D) nonresident five-day hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(10);

- (E) nonresident youth yearly hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(25);
 - (F) resident youth consolidated hunting and trapping license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24) or IC 14-22-11-10(b);
 - (G) disabled American veteran's hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1.5;
 - (H) an apprentice hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1.7;
 - (I) lifetime basic hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(2),
 - (J) lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
 - (K) lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5);
- or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in IC 14-22-11-1.
- (2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under IC 14-22-7-4.

(d) In addition to the requirements in subsection (c), an individual must obtain a free permit from the department to take a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION.

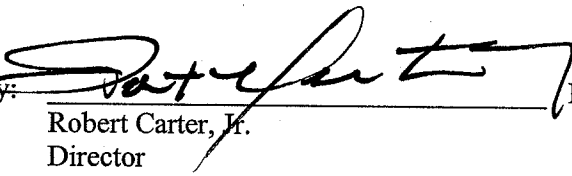
(e) Notwithstanding 312 IAC 9-4-2, an individual taking a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION is exempted from the requirements to register for and possess an identification number through the Harvest Information Program.

SECTION 4. SECTION 3 of this document expires on April 1, 2010.

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